



TFW 2134

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8**

I hereby certify that this document is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. via Facsimile. This paper is being transmitted to (571) 273-8300 on March 22, 2006.

REBECCA GINN

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	§	
James Kleinsteinber, et al.	§	Art Unit: 2134
	§	
Serial No.: 10/062,853	§	Examiner: Christopher J. Brown
	§	
Filed: 01/31/2002	§	Docket No.: 112-0019US
	§	
For: <b>NODE AND PORT</b>	§	Customer No.: 29855
<b>AUTHENTICATION IN A</b>	§	
<b>FIBRE CHANNEL NETWORK</b>	§	

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 22, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This paper is intended to be a complete response to the above-identified Office Action dated December 22, 2005.

It is believed that this response is timely filed and that no fees are due; however, the Office is authorized to charge time extension fees per 37 CFR 1.17(a) and any other fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 501922, referencing attorney docket number 112-0019US.

Claim list begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12.